Non Payment of Wages to workers of closed NTC Mills

†1945. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many mills under N.T.C. are closed and workers of these mills have not got wages for months; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for revival of these mills or re-orientation and rehabilitation of workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Except Ajudhia Textile Mills which was closed w.e.f. 31.1.97 under the direction of Supreme Court on polluting industries, no other mills of NTC have been closed. However, 43 mills are without any production activity. Govt. have been providing budgetary support to NTC for meeting the shortfall in wages and salaries. Wages due upto end May' 2001 have been paid.

(b) Government have decided to revive all revivable mills and close the non-revivable ones after giving VRS to workers in such mills. Operating Agencies are in the process of preparing Draft Revival Schemes for submission to BIFR. BIFR would decide on the issue finally.

Preparation of Techno-Economic viability Report

†1946. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills, out of 169 Mills, whose techno-economic viability report has already been prepared by Government;

(b) the details of the Report;

(c) whether Government are also considering to close a few mills; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.